(SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) A visitor to the Sahar Airport is reported to have died of electrocution on 8.4.90 while placing his hands on the weighing machine belonging to a foreign Airline. An Inspection Team of the International Airports Authority of India, which investigated into the incident has recommended certain specilc safety measures, such as, bringing down the switch board for counter connections, mandatory earthing of metallic weighing scales, mounting signages on vertical poles to eliminate chances of contact, provision of adequate rating of Earth Loakage Circuit Broakers etc. These recommendations have been accepted by the IAAI Management and the same have been communicated to the concerned authorities at airports for implementation.

Formation of independent council for Physiotherapists and occupational Therapists

677. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1665 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st August, 1989 and state:

(a) what steps have been taken so far to form the Independent Council for Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists with separate Cell;

(b) what amount has been earmarked for the formation and other expenses of the said Council for the year 1990-91;

(c) whether consultations with the Ministries of Law and Justice and Labour have been done; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (d) The matter regarding formation of Independent Council with separate cells for Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists has been taken up with the Ministry of Law and on their suggestion, necessary action to constitute such Council by Parliamentary Legislation is under process in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. An amount of Rs. 2.00 lakhs has been provided for the said Council during the year 1990-91.

Financial Position of IDPL

678. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the IDPL has shown profits worth Rs. 2 crores during the year 1988-89 whereas it owes Rs. 15 crores as gratuity and Rs. 29 crores as interest on deposits and depreciation;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for this accounting manipulation; and

(c) what is the actual financial position of the IDPL as on 31st March, 1990?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI BHAJMAN BEHERA): (a) and (b). IDPL has incurred a net loss of Rs. 46.42 crores during the year 1988-89.

(c) The net loss for the year ending 31st March, 1990 is expected to be of the order of Rs. 30.64 crores. The cumulative losses of the company since its inception upto 31-3-90 are about Rs. 333.98 crores.

679. [*Transferred to the 18th May, 1990.*]

Losses incurred by IDPL

680. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total capital investment in the Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd.;

(b) what are the upto-date accumulated losses incurred by the company; and

(c) what are the reasons for these losses?